reference to the recommendation of the Special Inspecting Officer of the islands and the remarks of the Collector of Malabar and the Transport Officer. As regards the other suggestion made by the hon. Gentleman, I do not think it is practicable now."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" May I know why the application was rejected? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The locking up of public money in a private enterprise was not warranted."

Sri A. APPU :—" Sir, the Governor visited these islands in December last, and made personal enquiries. Is it a fact that as a result of the Governor's recommendation, the Central Government have been approached for the allotment of funds to start a steamer service between the islands and the mainland? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, the matter is taken up with the Government of India."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know what is the present means of communication between the main land and the Laccadives? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" By means of crafts, Sir."

Conference of Secretaries to Industries Departments of States at Bombay.

* 629 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Conference of Secretaries to Industries Departments of States was held at Bombay on the 15th June 1954 and whether it was attended by the Secretary of this Government in the concerned department; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir."

" (b) The discussion related to the recommendations of the Ford Foundation Team on Small Scale Industries and also assistance to handloom industry."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்தச் சிறு கைத் தொழில்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் இன்னும் அதிகப்படியாக மானியம் ஒதுக்கி அவற்றுக்கெல்லாம் நேரடையாக உதவி செய்ய என்ன திட்டம் இருக்கிறது ?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are examining the conclusions arrived at in the course of the discussion referred to."

Construction of a bridge over Purakkattiri river.

* 630 Q.—Sri K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over Purakkattiri river in the Chevayoor constituency in Malabar district;

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(*b*) if so, at what stage the proposal now stands;

(*c*) the estimated cost of construction of the bridge; and

(*d*) whether the Karannoor P.C.C. Society in Malabar has offered any contribution towards the expenses of the construction of the bridge?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

" (*d*) No, Sir."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether any representations have been received by the Government pointing out the urgent necessity for constructing a bridge over this river? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no representation from any source, Sir."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered clause (*d*) of the question. May I know whether the Karannoor Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Society in Malabar has offered any contribution towards the expenses of the construction of the bridge? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I have already answered it, Sir. No offer is reported to have been received from the society referred to by the hon. Member towards the construction of the bridge."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether the Government will look into the circumstances that led to the public demand for the construction of a bridge over this river and whether they will re-examine the matter in the light of the information that is brought to the notice of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The provision of a pucca bridge at the place will not be of much use to the public unless the existing road is improved and metalled and raised to the standard of an all weather road."

SRI A. APPU :—" The Karannoor Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Society is reported to have written to the Collector agreeing to place a sum of Rs. 10,000 at the disposal of the Government several months back. Will the Government make enquiries and find out whether it is a fact? If it is a fact, will the Government take over the amount and construct the bridge at the place, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Government have not received any such offer. However, the Government will enquire into the matter."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தக் கேள்வியின் ' ஏ ' பிரிவிலே மலபாரிலுள்ள செவ்வாயூர் தொகுதியிலுள்ள பூரக்கட்ரி ஆற்றுக்குப் பாலம் கட்டும் யோசனை இருக்கிறதா என்று கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதற்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அந்த இடத்தில் பாலம்

கட்டப்படுவதற்கு இல்லை என்று சொன்னார்கள். அந்த இடத்தில் என்றால் எந்த இடத்தில் பாலம் கட்டுவதற்கு இல்லையென்று அவர்கள் சொல்லுகிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" எந்த இடத்தில் பாலம் கட்டும் யோசனை இருக்கிறதா என்று கேட்டார்களோ அந்த இடத்தில் இல்லை என்று சொன்னேன்."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that the construction of a bridge there will not be useful as the state of the road is very bad. Is the Hon. Minister aware that the very bad state of the road is due to the lack of a bridge and will the Government re-examine the matter? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It is an earthen road and there is no need for the construction of a bridge."

Working of water-pump with bulls.

* 631 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the particulars of the water-pump designed by the Agriculture Department to be worked with bulls?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement[a] containing the particulars required is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" பம்பு செட்டுகள் எவ்வளவு வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்பு கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டன. தற்போது நம் ராஜ்யத்தில் எவ்வளவு இடங்களில் அவை வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? திருப்தியாக அவை வேலை செய்துக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றனவா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" சமீபத்தில்தான் இந்த 'டிசைன்' செய்யப்பட்டது. அதை முதலில் அரசாங்கம் தங்களுடைய பண்ணைகளில்தான் போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவை நன்றாக வேலை செய்கின்றன என்று அரசாங்கத்தின் அனுபவத்தில்தெரிந்தால் விவசாயிகளும் அதைப் பின்பற்றி பம்பு செட்டுகளை உபயோகப்படுத்திக் கொள்ளலாம்."

Expenditure on National Cadet Corps.

* 632 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent by the Government since 1953 up to date for National Cadet Corps training given to students in colleges and high schools in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRMANIAM :—" The particulars are as given below :—

Unit.	Year.	
	1953–54.	1954–55 (up to 30th September 1954.)
Senior Division	5,51,020	2,25,680
Junior Division	3,47,659	96,580."

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 307-308 infra.